

**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made prior to examination of the present application.

In the specification, the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 7 has been amended.

Claims 1 – 9 and 13 – 22 are requested to be cancelled.

Claim 12 is currently being amended.

Claims 23 – 27 are being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 10 – 12 and 23 – 27 are now pending in this application.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

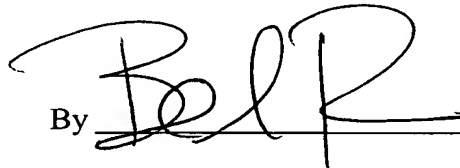
The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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